

The energy crisis. We face a major energy crisis. I understand a conference report on the energy bill has been filed. Is it going to be taken up today or tomorrow before we leave town?

Mr. Speaker, so many of these issues are not being tended to. The Republicans have only passed two appropriations bills, the Defense and Military Construction; and I do not mean to suggest that they are not important. Of course, they are very important because the President is saying that we may have to go to war against Iraq. But what about the budget consequences of that? Where is the money going to come from? Why are we not dealing with the budget in general and having some kind of budget conference where we sit down on a bipartisan basis between now and the end of the year and figure out how to pay for defense? How we are going to pay for these other important domestic issues?

Now, the Republican Party does not want to address it. They say, oh, we won the election so we will just wait until January. We will have a majority in both Houses, we will have the Presidency, and we will deal with it then. Mr. Speaker, it is a complete abdication of their responsibility, and it is not what they said during the course of the election when they said they were going to address these things.

We have another 6 or 7 weeks here when we could address these problems, both domestic and international; and it is terribly irresponsible for the Republicans to say, no, we are not going to do that; we are simply going to go home.

No one should be confused about what is going on here today. They are simply passing a continuing resolution so the government does not shut down, and coming back in January with the new Congress. That is completely unacceptable and irresponsible. This Congress under the Republican leadership, this House, has the worst legislative record in the whole history of the United States Congress, and this act today of trying to pass this rule just confirms it.

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Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we are in this extraordinary circumstance for a variety of reasons that we have talked about on the floor many times when we were debating prior continuing resolutions. Part of it, without trying to point fingers because that does not do us any good when we are trying to seek resolutions to point fingers, but nevertheless the fact is the other body has not completed a lot of work that is the basis for us trying to complete our work.

It has been mentioned over and over, but I think it is worth mentioning one more time that the House by law, in fact both the House and the Senate by

law, is required to pass a budget in the spring. The House did that and did pass their budget. The Senate did not pass their budget at that time and they have not yet. Maybe there has been talk going back and forth trying to settle on a figure, a spending figure; but the way that it has always been done in the past is that one body passes a budget, the other body passes a budget; and if there is a difference, you work out the differences. That is part of the give and take in the legislative process. That simply did not happen this year. As a result, the appropriation process that follows really did not have a blueprint. That caused us problems all the way throughout.

In addition to that, there are a number of other important pieces of legislation that passed this body that, for a variety of reasons, for whatever, is hung up in the other body as we speak right now. So as a result, we are in this situation of then passing this CR to get us into the first week of the next Congress. By that time, and in fact there are probably ongoing discussions right now with the new majority in the Senate and the majority here in the House to come up with probably an omnibus appropriation bill that will pass and we will have that behind us as we go into the 108th Congress.

I might make an observation, that what we are doing here is not unprecedented. It is not probably the ideal way things should be done; but in 1980 there was a CR that was passed over until the next Congress, so it has been done in the past. The reason why we are in that situation, as I mentioned, is simply that we are facing unprecedented inaction in the Congress in the other body. For that reason, we have to pass these CRs.

Let us get on with our work.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I am sorry, but earlier in my discussions I understated the amount by which the deficit will be expanded with the approval of the Congress with the subsequent motion that will follow from this rule. It is not just \$30 billion. I am told it is over \$60 billion that will be added to the deficit from the base on mandatories.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 24, nays 338, not voting 69, as follows:

[Roll No. 471]

YEAS—24

Bentsen	Frost	Obey
Berry	Hastings (FL)	Oliver
Capuano	Hilliard	Pallone
Conyers	Honda	Slaughter
Coyne	Jefferson	Stark
Delahunt	Johnson, E. B.	Towns
Filner	Kennedy (RI)	Velazquez
Frank	McDermott	Woolsey

NAYS—338

Ackerman	Diaz-Balart	Kennedy (MN)
Aderholt	Dicks	Kerns
Akin	Doggett	Kildee
Allen	Dooley	Kilpatrick
Andrews	Doolittle	Kind (WI)
Armey	Dreier	King (NY)
Baca	Duncan	Kingston
Bachus	Edwards	Kirk
Baird	Ehlers	Knollenberg
Baker	Ehrlich	Kolbe
Baldwin	Emerson	Kucinich
Ballenger	English	LaFalce
Barcia	Eshoo	LaHood
Barrett	Etheridge	Lampson
Bartlett	Evans	Langevin
Barton	Everett	Lantos
Bass	Farr	Larsen (WA)
Becerra	Ferguson	Larson (CT)
Bereuter	Flake	Latham
Berkley	Fletcher	LaTourrette
Biggart	Foley	Leach
Bilirakis	Forbes	Lee
Bishop	Ford	Levin
Blumenauer	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (CA)
Blunt	Gallegly	Lewis (GA)
Boehlert	Ganske	Lewis (KY)
Bonilla	Gekas	Linder
Bono	Gephardt	LoBiondo
Boozman	Gibbons	Lofgren
Borski	Gillmor	Lowe
Boswell	Gilman	Lucas (KY)
Boucher	Gonzalez	Lucas (OK)
Boyd	Goode	Luther
Brady (PA)	Goodlatte	Maloney (NY)
Brady (TX)	Goss	Mascara
Brown (FL)	Graham	Matheson
Brown (SC)	Graves	Matsui
Bryant	Green (TX)	McCarthy (MO)
Burton	Green (WI)	McCarthy (NY)
Buyer	Greenwood	McCollum
Calvert	Gutknecht	McCrery
Camp	Hall (TX)	McHugh
Cannon	Harman	McInnis
Cantor	Hart	McIntyre
Capito	Hastings (WA)	McKeon
Capps	Hayes	McNulty
Cardin	Hayworth	Meeks (NY)
Carson (IN)	Hefley	Menendez
Carson (OK)	Herger	Mica
Castle	Hinojosa	Millender
Chabot	Hobson	McDonald
Chambliss	Hoefel	Miller, Dan
Clayton	Hoekstra	Miller, Gary
Clyburn	Holden	Miller, Jeff
Coble	Holt	Mollohan
Collins	Hostettler	Moore
Combest	Hoyer	Moran (KS)
Costello	Hunter	Moran (VA)
Cox	Hyde	Morella
Cramer	Inslee	Myrick
Crane	Isakson	Napolitano
Crenshaw	Israel	Nethercutt
Crowley	Issa	Ney
Culberson	Istook	Norwood
Cummings	Jackson (IL)	Nussle
Cunningham	Jackson-Lee	Oberstar
Davis (CA)	(TX)	Ortiz
Davis (FL)	Jenkins	Osborne
Davis (IL)	John	Ose
Davis, Jo Ann	Johnson (CT)	Otter
Deal	Johnson (IL)	Pascarell
DeFazio	Jones (NC)	Pastor
DeGette	Jones (OH)	Paul
DeLauro	Kanjorski	Pelosi
DeLay	Kaptur	Pence
DeMint	Keller	Peterson (MN)
Deutsch	Kelly	Peterson (PA)

Petri	Schiff	Thomas
Phelps	Schrock	Thompson (CA)
Pickering	Scott	Thompson (MS)
Pitts	Sensenbrenner	Thornberry
Platts	Serrano	Thune
Pombo	Sessions	Thurman
Pomeroy	Shadegg	Tiahrt
Portman	Shaw	Tiberi
Price (NC)	Shays	Tierney
Putnam	Sherman	Toomey
Quinn	Sherwood	Turner
Rahall	Shinkus	Udall (CO)
Ramstad	Shows	Udall (NM)
Regula	Shuster	Upton
Rehberg	Simmons	Visclosky
Reyes	Simpson	Vitter
Reynolds	Skeen	Walden
Riley	Skelton	Walsh
Rivers	Smith (MI)	Wamp
Rodriguez	Smith (NJ)	Watson (CA)
Roemer	Smith (TX)	Watt (NC)
Rogers (KY)	Smith (WA)	Watts (OK)
Rogers (MI)	Snyder	Waxman
Rohrabacher	Solis	Weldon (FL)
Ros-Lehtinen	Souder	Weldon (PA)
Ross	Spratt	Weller
Rothman	Stenholm	Whitfield
Roybal-Allard	Strickland	Wicker
Royce	Stupak	Wilson (NM)
Rush	Sullivan	Wilson (SC)
Ryan (WI)	Sununu	Wolf
Ryun (KS)	Sweeney	Wu
Sabo	Tanner	Wynn
Sanchez	Tauscher	Young (AK)
Sanders	Tauzin	Young (FL)
Sandlin	Taylor (MS)	
Schakowsky	Terry	

NOT VOTING—69

Abercrombie	Gordon	Miller, George
Baldacci	Granger	Murtha
Barr	Grucci	Nadler
Berman	Gutierrez	Neal
Blagojevich	Hansen	Northup
Boehner	Hill	Owens
Bonior	Hilleary	Oxley
Brown (OH)	Hinches	Payne
Burr	Hoolley	Pryce (OH)
Callahan	Horn	Radanovich
Clay	Houghton	Rangel
Clement	Hulshof	Roukema
Condit	Johnson, Sam	Sawyer
Cooksey	Klecza	Saxton
Cubin	Lipinski	Schaffer
Davis, Tom	Lynch	Stearns
Dingell	Maloney (CT)	Stump
Doyle	Manzullo	Tancredo
Dunn	Markey	Taylor (NC)
Engel	McGovern	Waters
Fattah	McKinney	Watkins (OK)
Fossella	Meehan	Weiner
Gilchrest	Meek (FL)	Wexler

□ 1101

Messrs. COMBEST, KENNEDY of Minnesota, CANNON, THOMPSON of California, FLAKE, BRADY of Texas, OTTER, CROWLEY, and BISHOP changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 471 the bells in my office failed to work. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 124, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2003, AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5708, REDUCING PREEXISTING PAYGO BALANCES

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the distinguished majority

leader, for the purpose of making an announcement.

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to speak out of order.)

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, on the subject of today's schedule, we are about 30 minutes away from completing our consideration of the CR and PAYGO rule. We would obviously have a vote if it is requested. We would then try to move on to the CR and complete that work. From that it would be our desire to take up the Homeland Security rule and move on to the Homeland Security bill. We would then do the PAYGO bill later today or possibly tomorrow.

But, Mr. Speaker, this is the key point I would like to call Members' attention to: I would like to advise Members that the House will recess from approximately 2 o'clock to 6 o'clock for the Republican organizational conference. As a consequence of the need to do so, I should mention that if we are unable to complete the Homeland Security bill before 2 o'clock p.m., we would be asking Members to resume business tonight at the completion of the Republican conference at approximately 6 o'clock this evening.

It is obviously, I think, probably a desire for most of us if we can expedite completion of Homeland Security by 2. It is my duty to advise Members as early as possible to consider their plans for tonight with respect to the possibility that we may be reconvening for business for the completion of Homeland Security's consideration tonight beginning at 6 o'clock.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished majority leader for presenting the schedule for today.

Mr. Speaker, is it the gentleman's view that we will have the PAYGO vote today as well, or will that vote be rolled until tomorrow?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's request. It is essentially a matter of priority. Our first priority, obviously, is to complete the continuing resolution. We would put Homeland Security as a priority ahead of PAYGO. If we did not get PAYGO done today, we would do it tomorrow.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, if we debated it today, is there a possibility that we would vote on it tomorrow, or has that decision been made?

Mr. ARMEY. Reclaiming my time, no, we have not made that decision. Frankly, we understand that Members do have points they would like to make. We would like to make sure that debate time is available to everybody with respect to these issues. We will be working our way around these two very important organizational conferences. The gentlewoman understands the importance of them.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, I would ask the gentleman, Mr. Leader, could you inform us of the schedule for tomorrow, and would that be the last day of the session?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, we would be addressing any available conference reports tomorrow. We would try to complete our work by tomorrow night sometime. We do have some very good legislative opportunities in the presence of some of those conference reports. But I believe we will be in recess, and no votes would be requested during the Democrat organizational conference.

Ms. PELOSI. I understand that about today. But does the gentleman anticipate that we will be working through the weekend, or will the schedule end tomorrow?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, again, let me thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry. It is my anticipation that we would complete our work sometime tomorrow afternoon or evening. I do not anticipate working on the floor on Friday or the weekend.

However, again, let me just say, if we are all mindful of our own best interests and those of our colleagues and we try to be cooperative and move things along, obviously it will go better. We have some opportunities that are very important for the American people in the person of these conference reports, and we would not want to leave any behind. But I do not see that it is necessary for us to expect to work beyond Thursday night.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, if the distinguished gentleman could continue to yield, I would just like to say, Mr. Leader, that I have expressed to you over and over again my dismay that we have only passed two appropriations bills and that we have a tremendous amount of unfinished business before the Congress.

However, I will use my remaining time to say that from what you have said, this may be your last or among your last colloquies on the floor of this House; and I would like, as the minority whip, to commend you for your service to the Congress, to wish you well in your future endeavors, and to thank you for your many courtesies.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as the distinguished gentleman knows, I have made an art form of giving you grief on the schedule, so I am going to continue to do that. Is it the gentleman's intention that once we adjourn for this week or weekend, that we do not come back until the next Congress? Is that the intention of the leadership?

Mr. ARMEY. That is our expectation.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Once we get our work done this week, we are home for the holidays?